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## Suharto resigns

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Driven to the wall by Indonesia's economic crash and a week of deadly rioting, a tired and drawn President Suharto resigned today, ending 32 years as the autocratic head of the world's fourth most-populous nation.

In a trembling voice, Suharto asked forgiveness for "any mistakes or shortcomings" in a televised nationwide address. Just a few days ago, such a statement would have been unthinkable from the powerful, iron-fisted leader.

Vice President Bacharuddin Jusuf Habibie, a close Suharto ally, was immediately sworn in as president of the sprawling Southeast Asian nation, and Suharto shook his hand.

In a surprise move, Suharto said that Habibie would serve out the remaining presidential term, which runs until 2003. There was no mention of a transitional government and elections by the end of the year, though both had been expected to be announced today.

That was likely to anger opposition forces, which have been demanding quicker reforms and a total revamp of the Suharto regime. They are unlikely to trust Habibie, a friend to Suharto since boyhood.

But the initial reaction from student



**Bacharuddin Jusuf Habibie takes the presidential oath of office in Jakarta today, while an unidentified religious official holds a Koran over Habibie's head.**

AP

protesters was euphoric. About 500 students who had taken over the national Parliament cheered the president's resignation.

The young people danced in the fountains of the legislature's gardens, raised their fists in the air and whooped and hollered.

"We are very, very happy," said Morzan Eqbal, a university student. "We wanted Suharto to go for a very long time. We have made it. But we still have a lot to do."

Other students shouted "Long live reform, long live the students."

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## Now it's up to voters

**Polls show N. Ireland peace plan has some support**

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — The campaign to ratify Northern Ireland's peace accord entered its final frenetic hours today with British Prime Minister Tony Blair trying to woo Protestant support for the agreement.

The latest opinion poll, published in Thursday's Irish Times, indicated 60 percent of Northern Ireland voters back the agreement, 25 percent are against and 15 percent aren't sure. It had a margin of error of 4 percentage points.

Voters in both British-ruled Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic decide Friday whether to support the accord struck April 10 in Belfast among the British and Irish governments and eight parties. Blair wants as high a "yes" vote as possible.

While Northern Ireland's large Roman Catholic minority and the Irish Republic electorate generally support the deal, the north's major Protestant politician, Ulster Unionist Party leader David Trimble, says it faces major opposition by two harder-line Protestant parties.

They have campaigned hard against the agreement that would let the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party take part in a new Northern Ireland administration.

## DNA testing signals end of era of Unknowns entombment

By Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — With every servicemember now required to submit a DNA sample, the remains of any U.S. troops killed in future war probably won't be added to the Tomb of the Unknowns, military officials say.

"Scientific advances have given us identification techniques that did not exist in 1984, when the remains of an American killed in Vietnam were placed in the tomb," Pentagon spokesman Ken Bacon

said recently.

In that sense, the status of the tomb, a symbol of the ultimate sacrifice servicemembers can make for their country, shifts from a sort of living monument to something that is more firmly rooted in the past.

Yet for veterans, and for the troops of Company H of the 3rd Infantry Regiment's Old Guard, who stand watch over the tomb 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, it will always be a place of reverence and

honor.

"It'll span generations," said Spec. Jeffrey Hojnacke, one of the monument's watchmen. "It's a reminder of all those servicemembers who gave everything they had for their country, even their identities."

"The tomb is timeless," said Phil Budahn, an American Legion spokesman. "Its poignancy will not be diminished because the remains buried there came from one particular war or another."

## Veterans want road funds returned to programs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Every state is a winner in the \$200 billion transportation bill moving through Congress. But veterans with tobacco-related illnesses are protesting that they are the losers, their health benefits paying for roads.

At town hall meetings, through newspaper and radio ads and calls to lawmaker offices, veterans are protesting a plan to eliminate VA health benefits for tobacco-related diseases to help pay the highway and mass transit spending bill.

"A shameless money-grabbing scheme," said Disabled American Veterans National Commander Harry McDonauld.

"Blindly looting veterans' programs is not a legitimate or honorable way to fund our transportation needs," four groups wrote House Transportation Committee Chairman Bud Shuster, R-Pa.

For now, it appears the vets are losing the battle. The administration has tried for several years to rescind a ruling by the Veterans Affairs Department general counsel that veterans with diseases resulting from in-service tobacco use are eligible for health benefits and compensation.

Both White House officials and lawmakers now putting the final touches on the highway bill have suggested that the estimated \$10.5 billion that would be saved by eliminating the program could help pay for more road building.

## U.S., Germany eye political path in Kosovo

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary William Cohen and German Defense Minister Volker Rühe urged a political rather than military solution to the unrest in Yugoslavia's Kosovo province.

"We believe that a political solution is the right course of action," Cohen said Wednesday after more than an hour of talks with his German counterpart.

Rühe said the NATO allies should bring "political pressure, economic pressure" to bear on Yugoslavia. But if the situation deteriorates, Rühe said, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization may have to look at military options.

"We must look at the military options

## House clears way for segregated training

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite Pentagon misgivings, the House voted Wednesday to require the Army, Navy and Air Force to train male and female recruits separately.

Republican leaders used a 281-134 procedural vote to prevent an amendment to retain same-sex training from being offered to a \$270 billion defense spending bill for fiscal 1998, which begins Oct. 1. Only the Marine Corps now trains male and female recruits separately.

That same vote ruled out a proposed amendment by House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, and Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., to bring U.S. troops home from Bosnia by Dec. 31; and another one by Frank and Rep. Chris Shays, R-Conn., to freeze defense spending at current levels.

Men and women wouldn't share barracks or boot camp training any longer under the legislation written by the House National Security Committee and effectively confirmed Wednesday by the full House. A final vote on the overall defense bill was expected today.

A bipartisan panel recommended separate basic training.

The legislation includes \$8 million for the Army to purchase locks and take other measures to separate the sexes until new barracks can be built at an estimated cost of about \$160 million.

Defense Secretary William Cohen has said he wants the services to house male and female recruits in separate areas but doesn't want separate basic training. The Army, Air Force and Navy also have objected.

## Cohen heads to South America

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary William Cohen makes his first visit to South America next week as Pentagon chief, traveling to Argentina, Chile and Brazil, the Pentagon announced Tuesday.

While meeting in those countries with top civilian and military leaders, Cohen intends to "emphasize U.S. relationships with the region" amid the spread of democracy in the hemisphere, a statement said.

The secretary may discuss the possibility that Chile could purchase U.S. weapons, but "this is not an arms merchant trip," said a senior Pentagon official who briefed reporters on condition of anonymity.

Chile is planning to buy some \$1 billion in fighter planes, but is noncommittal on whose planes it will buy.

The official said he did not expect any announcement on the matter during Cohen's stop in Chile.

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# Hollywood says goodbye to Sinatra

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Hollywood royalty bid farewell to the Chairman of the Board Wednesday in a simple church drenched with the aroma of flowers, remembering him as a "reckless, rogue, sentimental fella" who graced the world with his talent.

"Boy, heaven will never be the same," Kirk Douglas said to applause from about 400 mourners at Frank Sinatra's invitation-only funeral.

Amidst thousands of white roses, orchids, chrysanthemums and, Sinatra's favorite, gardenias, showbiz superstars listened to tributes, sang a jubilant hymn and cried as they heard a recording of Sinatra's *Put Your Dreams Away*.

Before the start of the Mass, Sinatra's daughter Nancy laid her head

against the gardenia-draped casket in prayer for several minutes. Nearby, Liza Minnelli embraced Mia Farrow, Sinatra's third wife.

Sinatra died of a heart attack May 14 at 82.

During the two-hour service, Sinatra's widow, Barbara Sinatra, was the first to take communion from Cardinal Roger Mahony, the leader of the Los Angeles archdiocese, who would later remember Sinatra's philanthropic work.

"He saw to the needs of others," said Mahony.

Barbara Sinatra then sat in the front row as Sinatra's friends and family, including children Nancy, Tina and Frank Jr., remembered him.

The tributes were by turns touching

and racy, reflecting the personality of a man who, Gregory Peck told mourners, was a "reckless, rogue, sentimental fella."

"He sang for the world for 60 years," Sinatra Jr. said. "Today and last night, everyone sang for him..."

Sinatra Jr. then looked at the casket and said, "So long buddy, and take care of yourself."

Producer George Schlatter offered a slightly more off-color remembrance of Sinatra.

"His favorite words were 'Jack' and 'Daniels,'" recalled Schlatter. "His least favorite: Take two."

It was unclear whether Sinatra's first wife, Nancy, attended the service. His second wife, Ava Gardner, died in 1990.

## Riches lure Powerball buyers

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — People around the nation drove across state lines, waited an hour or more in crowded stores and put down their money Wednesday in hopes of winning a \$194.4 million Powerball jackpot, the richest lottery prize in history.

The winning numbers were: 4, 9, 30, 34, 48 and Powerball 8.

Wisconsin lottery officials said early today that a winning ticket was sold at the Lakeside Country Store in Walworth County, in the southern part of the state.

The Multi-State Lottery Association, which runs Powerball, confirmed that a winning ticket was sold in Wisconsin. But director Charles Strutt called that unofficial because results had not yet been certified by an auditor.

He said no official results will be reported until the participating 20 states and District of Columbia lotteries reported their audited results.

The jackpot, estimated earlier at \$175 million, was raised to \$194.4 million just before the drawing.

Mike Evans of Roy,

Utah, drove to Idaho to buy tickets for the lottery.

"I came up for the blind-chance of never having to work again in my life ... Somebody has to win this."

The longest lines were in towns near states that don't participate in the game. New Yorkers poured into Greenwich, Conn., with one man buying 4,000 tickets Wednesday morning.

"They're coming in hordes and congesting the roadways. We have lines two blocks long," said police Sgt. John Brown.

## Aunt joins husband on death row

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Veronica Gonzales likely will join her husband on death row for submerging their nearly 4-year-old niece in a bathtub of water so hot that it peeled the skin from her body.

The same jury that two weeks ago convicted Veronica Gonzales, 28, of torture and murder recommended Wednesday that she be executed for the death of Genny Rojas.

Veronica Gonzales' husband, Ivan, al-

ready is on death row for the girl's 1995 murder. The couple, who has six children, is the first in California to face execution for the same crime.

"Oh, God, no!" Veronica Gonzales said when the verdict was read. She then covered her face with her hands and began sobbing.

Veronica Gonzales had testified that she suffered from battered women's syndrome.

## Dad sentenced again for abusing daughters

From Associated Press

NEW YORK — A man who went to jail for sex assaults on his daughters in 1991, when one was 4 years old and the other 18 months, was sentenced Wednesday to 15 years for sexually attacking them again.

Anthony Wynn, 35, had been charged with rape and sodomy and faced 25 years in prison, but his plea to a "course of conduct against a child" spares the girls, now 11 and 8, from having to testify about their ordeal.

Prosecutor Courtney Perry said the girls told their mother in February that their father was abusing them, but she failed to report it. The children then sought help from a teacher.

The teacher contacted police and Wynn was arrested last Feb. 26 on rape and sodomy charges. Police said at the time that Wynn had been molesting the children since July.

### Pot clinics ordered closed

SAN FRANCISCO — As he promised a week ago, a federal judge ordered six Northern California medical marijuana clubs to close for violating laws against distributing drugs.

Despite U.S. District Judge Charles Breyer's order, made public Wednesday, The Cannabis Healing Center in San Francisco and the Oakland Cannabis Buyers' Club refused to shut down.

# Media chastized for calling gunman

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A gunman is holed up in a gas station after killing three officers. Hostage negotiators, police in bulletproof vests and SWAT team members with rifles surround the building.

Inside, the phone rings.

It's a reporter, looking for an interview.

Police and a media expert Wednesday criticized the St. Petersburg Times and a radio station for calling during the crisis and interviewing Hank

Earl Carr, who ultimately released his hostage after a four-hour standoff Tuesday and then shot himself to death.

"To call the gunman at the gas station at the height of the crisis is totally unjustified and unethical," said Bob Steele, director of media ethics at the Poynter Institute, a nonprofit journalism research center that owns the Times.

"It's a stupid thing to do. There are lives at stake. It was clear that the gunman was ir-

rational. It would be very easy to ask the wrong question or say something that would trigger the gunman to harm the hostage or himself or law enforcement officers."

Police spokesman Steve Cole was more subdued in his criticism.

"That's not a good idea to do that. I was disturbed that the radio station made a call, got him on the line. The police were trying to get on the phone with him," he said.

During the live WFLA radio interview, Cole said, police couldn't get through to the gunman and were forced to call the station and ask it to get off the phone.

Cole said the radio news director doing the interview handled it professionally. The police spokesman instead emphasized he was upset by the fact the station called at all during a hostage situation.

The Times defended its actions Wednesday.

## Petty officer 2 discovers that one vote really counts

Special to Stars and Stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — Election day came and went last month in Kaufman County, Texas, and Republican candidate Glenn Bates lost by two votes.

But, due to the U.S. military's two-day voting extension and the return of ballots from Bates' son, Petty Officer 2nd Class James Bates, and his wife, Paige, the election turned out to be not quite over.

The last-minute votes for candidate Bates evened up the election, prompting officials to settle the tie with a coin toss.

Luck shone on the Bates family, and Glenn Bates, 52, earned the nomination for his county's justice of the peace precinct seat.

"Luckily, the military has a 2-day extension, and the next day (Tuesday), they received both of our ballots and tied it up," said James Bates, assigned to Misawa Naval Air Facility's

weapons section.

Ironically, James Bates admitted that he'd never voted before.

"To know that our two votes were the ones that made that much difference is just incredible. That is just wild," he added.

In a scene reminiscent of the misreported "Dewey defeats Truman" results of the 1948 presidential race, the April 14 results named candidate Fred Cochran the winner of the Kaufman County race.

James Bates said he had no idea of the difference his vote would make until he received the news from his mother.

James Bates added that he has always heard how people's votes can make a difference but never thought his actually would.

"This is a lesson for all of us because I always thought the same thing — that my vote is kind of a hassle, especially when you're overseas," he said.

## New \$20s to sport new look, spend the same

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new \$20 bill is coming with high-tech features designed to trip up computer-savvy counterfeiters. But the change people will notice first is the larger and slightly off-center portrait of Andrew Jackson.

The new portrait, like the old, is based on a drawing from about 1820. But it's a close-up and shows the nation's seventh president with darker hair than the earlier version. The view on the back depicts the White House from the north rather than

from the south.

Most of the changes are more than cosmetic. They're aimed at bogus bill makers armed with increasingly sophisticated color copiers, computer scanners, color ink jet printers and publishing-grade software.

## Fla. governor vetoes anti-abortion license

From Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Gov. Lawton Chiles on Wednesday vetoed an anti-abortion specialty license plate — "choose life" — saying it would be the first specialty tag in Florida to promote a political message.

The plate was bright yellow and carried the faces of two smiling children as well as the words "choose life." Choose Life Inc. collected 10,000 signatures and paid a \$30,000 fee, the prerequisites for seeking approval of a specialty tag.

### Ousted police officers sue town

CICERO, Ill. — Eight police officers ousted from the suburban Chicago city of Cicero filed a federal lawsuit Wednesday, claiming they were victims of a political purge.

Lt. Charles Hernandez, who ran against town President Betty Loren-Maltese in 1997, and seven other officers said their ouster was an act of vengeance.

### Man sentenced in bank fraud

RICHMOND, Va. — The man behind a computer leasing scam that bilked \$350 million from seven banks was sentenced Wednesday to 16 years and 10 months in prison, where he must take a financial responsibility class.

Edward J. Reiners, of Somers, N.Y., pleaded guilty to one count of bank fraud and one count of money laundering in June 1996.

Reiners, 53, also was placed on probation for five years and ordered to pay \$250,000 in restitution to the banks.

## Russian labor unrest spreads to big towns

From Associated Press

MOSCOW — Strikes and protests that have blocked two branches of the Trans-Siberian railway and idled hundreds of trains and coal mines spread to Russia's two largest cities Wednesday.

Joining the demonstrations, thousands of teachers and students marched along a central Moscow street and about 10,000 rallied in St. Petersburg's Palace Square. They were protesting cuts in government spending on education, layoffs of professors and plans to increase tuition.

### 15 die in Georgia clashes

TBILISI, Georgia — Pro-government militiamen clashed with separatists in western Georgia on Wednesday, leaving at least 15 people dead, officials said.

The clashes occurred in the Ghali region of Abkhazia, a Black Sea province that declared independence in 1992 and drove Georgian troops out in a civil war. Fighting has increased recently between separatists and militiamen who support the central government in Tbilisi.

### Bangladesh cyclone kills 14

DHAKA, Bangladesh — A cyclone tore through the low-lying Bangladesh coast Wednesday, killing more than 14 people, uprooting utility poles and plunging the region into darkness, a domestic new agency said. As many as 200 people were injured.

### Ex-leader's kin acquitted

MEXICO CITY — The brother of former President Carlos Salinas de Gortari has been acquitted of money laundering, but will remain in jail pending the resolution of murder and illegal enrichment charges.

# North Korea will vote for parliament in July

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea announced today that it will hold its first parliamentary election in eight years in July, a move analysts said would lead to a consolidation of power by Kim Jong Il.

In a two-sentence dispatch, the North's Korean Central News Agency said the election will be held on July 26 to choose deputies to the Supreme People's Assembly, the country's rubber-stamp legislature.

South Korean analysts believe that a major mission of the new parliament likely will be to elect the 56-year-old Kim as president.

North Korea has been without a president since Kim Il Sung died in 1994 at age 82. His son, Kim Jong Il, has been in firm control but has yet to assume the formal title of president.

The junior Kim became the supreme military commander in 1991 and took

over the ruling Workers' Party in October as general secretary.

"The upcoming election means that North Korea's long shift from an abnormal state to a normal state is finally coming to an end," said Huh Moon-young, an analyst at the state-funded Research Institute for National Unification.

Huh predicted that the junior Kim would be named president before the 50th anniversary of the founding of the North's communist government, on Sept. 9.

"North Korea has publicly announced that it will celebrate the 50th anniversary in a big way. I'm sure that a key to the celebration is Kim Jong Il's ascension to the state throne," he said.

In 1990, North Korea elected 687 deputies for a four-year term to its single chamber parliament. The next elections, scheduled in 1994, were canceled because of the death of Kim Il Sung.

## Rwandans confess to genocide

GIKONGORO, Rwanda (AP) — Gaspar Kikiza stepped forward Wednesday and described how Hutu authorities had forced him to hack to death a Tutsi family.

Four years after the Hutu-organized slaughter of at least 500,000 minority Tutsis, Kikiza was among the 237 prisoners who confessed their involvement in the slaughter to qualify for leniency and avoid the death penalty.

"They woke me up, and told me to go the house of a Tutsi," Kikiza told justice officials in this southern Rwandan town. "There were the kids and the elderly inside, and I and the others killed them with machetes. Those responsible told me they will kill me if I don't go."

The officials said more than 2,000 prisoners have asked to make confessions since the first of 22 people convicted of genocide

were executed last month by firing squad.

The confessions are designed to speed up the trials of 130,000 suspects and convict those most responsible for the 100-day slaughter.

Under a 1996 law stipulating how genocide suspects are to be prosecuted, suspects are required to identify former authorities who ordered the killings. In return, justice officials can speed suspects' trials.

## Volcano coats Guatemala City with lava and ash

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — The Pacaya volcano spewed ash and fine granules of lava more than 6,000 feet into the air Wednesday, coating nearby Guatemala City with a half-inch of gray grit.

Authorities declared an emergency in the towns around the base of the 8,420-foot volcano, 15 miles south of the capital, and prepared for a possible evacua-

tion.

"Pacaya began erupting with thick columns of ash that reached 6,200 feet above the crater. ... All this material is landing on the flanks," said Eddy Sanchez, director of Guatemala's national observatory.

The clouds of ash and black particles reduced visibility and forced Guatemala City's international airport to close

Wednesday afternoon.

The capital's 2 million residents covered their faces with handkerchiefs and improvised masks.

Pacaya is the most active of Guatemala's 32 volcanoes, with three lava flows formed in eruptions between 1989 and 1991.

The most recent eruption occurred in November 1996.

# There's no Hope for birthday party

## From wire reports

Bob Hope, nursing what his publicist called a bad cold in a hotel here, missed an early birthday dinner for him Tuesday night given by the Library of Congress, which is establishing a gallery in his honor.

But his wife, Dolores, and three of their four children were there. She signed a poster with photographs of him and the legend "95 Years of Hope."

Hope will be 95 on May 29.

## Bad spin for pagers

Millions of pagers that keep doctors, detectives and loved ones in touch stopped working nationwide when a \$250 million communications satellite suddenly lost track of Earth.

The Galaxy 4 satellite stopped relaying pager messages, as well as behind-the-scenes television feeds, at about 6 p.m. EDT Tuesday when its onboard control system and a backup switch failed and the satellite rotated out of its proper position.

Technicians were able to send commands to the craft but failed to restore its proper orientation toward Earth, said Robert Bednarek, senior vice president and chief technology officer for Greenwich, Conn.-based PanAmSat, which owns the satellite.

"We are still not transmitting," PanAmSat spokesman Dan Marcus said on Wednesday. "The situation has not

changed with the Galaxy 4." He said his company's was working to shift paging companies' signals onto other satellites.

## Hello Dolly, goodbye marriage

Actress Carol Channing is filing for divorce from her husband of 41 years, the New York Post reported.

Channing, 77, claims in divorce papers filed Tuesday in Los Angeles that her husband, Charles Lowe, regularly humiliated her in public and physically assaulted her.

Lowe, 86, could not be reached for comment Tuesday, the Post said.

Channing, best known for her roles in *Hello Dolly* and *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*, also said that Lowe set up his own production company early in their marriage and funneled all her earnings into his accounts.

## Company wants 'em covered

Performing in adult films may seem to be a risky job, but a large managed-care company has decided to provide the performers with group health care.

The Free Speech Coalition, the trade association for the pornography industry, has entered a deal with Los Angeles-based Maxicare Health Plans to provide insurance coverage to some 500 actors and technicians, coalition Executive Director Jeffrey Douglas said Tuesday.

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Before the deal, which gives X-rated actors the kind of benefits mainstream actors have, porn industry workers had to purchase pricier, individual plans for anything other than eye or dental care, Douglas said.

## Carroll has cancer surgery

Diahann Carroll underwent surgery to remove a small cancerous growth from her breast that was detected during her annual medical exam.

The actress-singer will undergo six weeks of radiation treatment, publicist Jeffrey Lane said Tuesday. Doctors expect a complete recovery.

## Pavarotti indulges passions

Two of Luciano Pavarotti's big passions are music and horses, and next month the tenor is using both of them to raise money for causes home and abroad.

On June 9, proceeds from a concert at the military academy in Modena, Pavarotti's hometown, will help the organization War Child build a village in Liberia.

Spike Lee will direct the concert, which, besides the opera star, will feature Celine Dion, Bon Jovi and the Spice Girls, organizers said Tuesday.

And from June 11-14 much of Modena will be turned into a riding ground for horse shows whose proceeds will be used to buy the city an ambulance.

## U.N. doles Turner gift

NEW YORK (AP) — Grants totaling \$22 million, the first from Ted Turner's \$1 billion gift to the United Nations, will go to support health and social welfare programs in poor countries, the fund's president said.

About three-quarters of the money will go to disarm child soldiers in Sierra Leone, combat violence against women in Latin America, help victims of land mines and improve reproductive health services in Asia and Africa, Timothy E. Wirth, the fund's president, said Tuesday.

The fund plans to dole out \$100 million a year of the cable television pioneer's money for the next 10 years.

Most of the initial \$22 million is being distributed through the United Nations Population Fund and UNICEF, the U.N. children's fund.

## In The Stars and Stripes

### 10 YEARS AGO

May 21, 1988 — White house spokesman Marlin Fitzwater ridiculed a published report saying the administration is trying to determine whether telephone calls between first lady Nancy Reagan and her San Francisco astrologer may have been intercepted by Soviet spies.

### 20 YEARS AGO

May 21, 1978 — Three terrorists inexplicably opened fire on waiting El Al passengers at Paris' Orly Airport and were shot and killed by security police.

### 30 YEARS AGO

May 21, 1968 — Pakistan announced the United States would have to give up the vital communications base in Pakistan from which U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers took off on his ill-fated 1960 flight over the Soviet Union.

### 40 YEARS AGO

May 21, 1958 — Premier Pierre Pflimlin won another victory in the French National Assembly in what was interpreted as a vote against Gen. Charles de Gaulle. He was given emergency powers to fight the war against Moslem rebels in Algeria.

### 50 YEARS AGO

May 21, 1948 — Gen. Chiang Kai-shek was sworn in as China's first president under a new constitution, and pledged the elimination of corruption and inefficiency from his government as the deterrent to communism.

# 5 suspended, fined for brawl

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Yankees thought their suspensions were too severe. They thought Armando Benitez's penalty was too light. And they weren't happy about Tino Martinez getting hurt, either.

To all of this, the Baltimore Orioles could only say one thing: Sorry.

"I want to issue a full apology to Tino Martinez particularly, and the New York Yankees in general. I only hope that Tino Martinez is all right," Orioles manager Ray Miller said Wednesday.

"The managers, coaches, players and front office of the Baltimore Orioles do not condone what happened last night. It was the result of the action of one individual, an immature young man," he said.

"The feeling of, 'I'll hurt you if I can't beat you' doesn't represent the feelings of the Baltimore Orioles."

A day after the teams became embroiled in one of baseball's most flagrant fights in recent years, AL president Gene Budig handed out five suspensions.

Benitez was suspended for eight games for intentionally throwing at Martinez.

Darryl Strawberry and Graeme Lloyd of the Yankees were suspended for three games each for "overly aggressive behavior, fighting and prolonging the violent incident."

Alan Mills of the Orioles and Jeff Nelson of the Yankees were suspended two games apiece.

"Not enough of their guys; too many of

our guys," Yankees manager Joe Torre said.

Martinez was out of the lineup against the Orioles on Wednesday night because of a large bone bruise on his upper back. The All-Star first baseman's status was day-to-day after Benitez hit him.

Benitez was fined \$2,000, Strawberry and Lloyd each were fined \$1,000, and Nelson and Mills drew \$500 fines.

"The severity of the discipline reflects the gravity of the offenses," Budig said. "Mr. Benitez not only intentionally threw at Martinez, but the location of the pitch was extremely dangerous and could have seriously injured the player."

The Yankees, however, thought Benitez deserved far worse.

## Sprewell sues Warriors, NBA

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Latrell Sprewell wasn't pleased with an arbitrator's ruling over his suspension for choking Golden State Warriors coach P.J. Carlesimo. So he's taking the matter to court.

The All-Star guard filed a lawsuit Wednesday in U.S. District Court, seeking more than \$30 million in lost wages and additional damages.

"Latrell has the fortitude and the state of mind and the determination to have brought this suit because he believes he's right, he believes he will be vindicated in the end through the judicial process," attorney Robert Thompson said.

Sprewell did not attend a news conference on Wednesday. He was represented by Robert Gist, his legal advisor for several years, and Thompson, an Atlanta lawyer handling the complaint.

The attorneys said Sprewell planned to speak publicly on the matter sometime in the next few weeks.

The suit alleges the star guard was punished excessively for the same offense by both the team and the league, and that the subsequent suspension kept him from earning a living. It also claims violations of federal and state civil rights laws and federal antitrust statutes.

The suit seeks at least \$30 million.

## Cubans' baseball dream ends in Bahamas after refugees denied asylum, sent home

SANTA CLARA, Cuba (AP) — Michael Jova gambled a promising baseball career in Cuba to pursue a million-dollar dream of playing in the United States.

Now, at 17, the star shortstop faces the prospect his career may be over. Instead of Florida, Jova wound up in the Ba-

hamas, which repatriated him and 64 other Cubans on Monday, saying it could no longer afford to house them.

Cuban officials "have not told me yet what I will be able to do," Jova said Tuesday at his home in the central city of Santa Clara. "My mother is dead and my father cannot support me. I don't know if I will be able to work."

Cuba's government regards athletes who leave the island as traitors and mercenaries. If it lets him play at all, he may be limited to the amateur provincial leagues. That would be a big step down for Jova, who has played ball for Cuban teams in countries as far away as Japan and Taiwan.

Hundreds of refugees flee Cuba by raft or boat every year — either because they oppose or fear the communist government or want better economic opportunities.

Pitcher Orlando Hernandez signed a \$6.6 million contract with the New York

Yankees after he defected to the Bahamas in December and was granted asylum by Costa Rica.

**'My mother is dead and my father cannot support me.'**

— baseball player Michael Jova

But increasingly the United States and other nearby countries are cooperating with Cuba in repatriating boat people, rather than automatically granting political asylum as they have in the past.

Jova fled Cuba by boat in March along with catcher Angel Lopez, 25, second baseman Jorge Diaz, 23, first baseman Jorge Luis Toca, 23, and pitching coach Orlando Chinaea, 41.

He said they were expecting a one-day trip to Florida, but got lost and spent 10 days at sea before being rescued by a Bahamian fishing crew.

Chinaea told reporters in the Bahamas that the group actually had spent the first nine days of their flight hiding in Cuba.

They spent the next two months in custody.

Although they were being recruited by Florida-based sports agent Joe Cubas and a rival agency, KDN Sports Inc., neither had found a country that would take them.

Requests for political asylum were denied after the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees determined they weren't persecuted in Cuba.



# Calm returns after Yankee-Oriole storm

By Associated Press

There was calm after the storm at Yankee Stadium.

One night after a wild brawl between the Yankees and Orioles, both teams were on their best behavior in New York's 9-6 victory over Baltimore.

Three batters were hit by pitches Wednesday night, but all took their bases without incident as the Yankees handed the Orioles their seventh straight loss.

"I think everybody thought, 'Turn the page, yesterday doesn't count,'" New York manager Joe Torre said.

Before the game, Torre and Orioles

manager Ray Miller spoke to their teams about getting over Tuesday night's brawl, which resulted in the suspension of five players.

"I thought our guys handled it well," Miller said. "I didn't think there was any retaliation."

Derek Jeter tripled, doubled and singled and Tim Lincecum drove in three runs as the Yankees roughed up former teammate Jimmy Key and won their fourth straight. Scott Brosius homered and Jorge Posada doubled twice for New York.

"I think both teams did well to put it all behind us," said Key (4-3), who was

tagged for nine earned runs and 12 hits in 5 2-3 innings by the team he pitched for from 1993-96.

Hideki Irabu (3-0) allowed two runs in 6 1-3 innings to give him a major league-leading 1.40 ERA after six starts.

Roberto Alomar, Rafael Palmeiro and B.J. Surhoff homered in the Orioles' ninth off Darren Holmes.

Elsewhere in the AL, it was Toronto 9, Tampa Bay 1; Boston 6, Chicago 2; Cleveland 14, Kansas City 5; Detroit 12, Minnesota 11; Texas 8, Seattle 7; and Anaheim 5, Oakland 4.

## Gaetti picks up Cardinal slack as McGwire sits

By The Associated Press

Mark McGwire's day off didn't cause the St. Louis Cardinals to miss a beat.

Gary Gaetti hit a pair of two-run homers in place of McGwire on Wednesday night, leading the Cardinals to an 8-5 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies.

"It makes me wonder if I've been playing out of position," said Gaetti, normally a third baseman. "Get me over there to the power position."

Gaetti, who hit just two home runs in his first 130 at-bats, connected off Mark Portugal (2-1) in the fifth inning and Darren Winston in the seventh.

"Mark McGwire is only one guy on that team. You can't take anybody lightly on that team," Portugal said. "I tried to make some adjustments, but ended up getting my butt kicked."

McGwire, whose three homers Tuesday night gave him a major league-leading 20, took a scheduled night off. It was the third game he's missed this year.

"We'll have a staff meeting and see if he deserves to play tomorrow," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa joked after the game.

Phillies fans, who cheered McGwire on Tuesday night and booed Gaetti Wednesday, apparently are hoping McGwire plays in the series finale tonight.

In other NL games Wednesday, it was the Chicago Cubs 5, Los Angeles 0; Houston 4, Montreal 3; Arizona 7, Florida 3; Atlanta 5, Colorado 1; Cincinnati 8, the New York Mets 6; and San Francisco 4, Milwaukee 2.

## Stewart's idea of fun involves race car, speed

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Tony Stewart's answer to most everything is to get in a race car.

Last Saturday, after the disappointment of qualifying in the second row for the Indianapolis 500, the reigning Indy Racing League champion and favorite in Sunday's race went out to nearby Indianapolis Raceway Park, jumped into his USAC Silver Crown car and won the event.

So far this year, Stewart has raced in five separate series in five distinctly different cars — the Indy Racing League's Indy cars, the U.S. Auto Clubs's Silver crown, sprint and midget cars and NASCAR's Busch Series stock car.

Asked which he likes best, he said, "Whatever I'm in that day."

"To me racing is racing. I've got minibikes that me and my buddies race in the backyard, and we're as intense there as we are here."

"I learn something every day that I get in a race car," Stewart said. "People think I'm racing just to race. Well, that's my hobby too. Getting in a midget or getting in my dirt late model or some of these other cars that I run, that's my release, how I get away from the IRL series and the NASCAR series."

"I'm not a good golfer. I get frustrated and I get mad at the golf clubs. It does me absolutely no good to take a day off and go play golf to relax because it doesn't relax me."

But what about the physical punishment of all that racing?

"After going out on Saturday night and running a Silver Crown race, when I get here Sunday, physically I might be tired, but mentally I'll be 100 percent and be ready to get right back in an Indy-car again."

"I need that to kind of recharge and regroup."

## Instant replay back for NFL exhibitions

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) — Instant replay, thought to be dead and buried after the last NFL owners meeting, is being resurrected.

NFL owners, wrapping up three days of meetings Wednesday, approved the use of TV replays during some of this year's presea-

son games. Club owners voted replay down for regular-season use at a March meeting in Orlando.

"We'll have the coach's challenge system and we'll do a replay experiment like we did several years ago," commissioner Paul Tagliabue said.

The replay will be used

sparingly, and the experiment will only cover 11 exhibition games televised by the networks.

Each team will be allowed two challenges a game at the coach's discretion.

The league used instant replay to help officiate its games from 1986-91.



# World breathes sigh of relief

TOKYO (AP) — Heads of state, opposition leaders, human rights activists and Indonesian refugees joined hands today in welcoming the resignation of President Suharto.

But many also questioned how his successor, a close Suharto friend and ally, will handle Indonesia's severe economic crisis and violent pro-democracy movement.

Shortly after Suharto's resignation in the burned-out capital of Jakarta was shown live on television in Indonesia and around the world, many governments in Asia praised him.

"We urge Indonesia's leaders to move forward promptly with a peaceful process that enjoys broad public support," said President Clinton. "The United States stands ready to support Indonesia as it engages in democratic change."

Like other leaders, Clinton questioned how that could happen if Suharto's successor serves the rest of his term in office.

Even in China, state-run media quickly reported Suharto's resignation, and television showed troops in Jakarta's streets, despite all the obvious parallels that have been drawn in the West

between the unrest there and China's decision in 1989 to crush pro-democracy protests in Beijing's Tiananmen Square.

China's government called it an internal affair, but Chinese TV interviewed an Asian analyst who said Suharto's successor must institute reforms to bring stability back to Indonesia.

In Singapore, Djohan Marzuki, one of the thousands of Indonesians who fled there to escape Indonesia's violence, said he immediately booked a flight to return home Sunday.

Prime Minister Mahathir

Mohamad of Malaysia, 72, who became Asia's longest-serving leader with the resignation, praised his friend Suharto for transferring power peacefully.

Mahathir's opponents have often warned him to accept principles that Indonesia's president had ignored: democracy, freedom of speech and open, honest leadership.

But Mahathir once again accused outside forces, such as foreign currency speculators, of often trying to undermine and oust him and Suharto for their own selfish reasons.

## Military gave Suharto a push

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — It was no coincidence that when President Suharto resigned today as president of Indonesia after 32 years of iron-fisted rule, he was surrounded by generals.

In the world's fourth most-populous nation, the military has always been the predominant political force, and Suharto himself is a retired army general.

The military's dual role in the country's political and defense affairs, a philosophy dubbed *dwifungsi* in Indonesian, is constitutionally enshrined.

"Some of the generals want Suharto to go," Milyono, an aide to Syarwan Hamid, the leader of the armed forces faction in congress, said Wednesday night.

Today, those generals had their way.

In trying to predict how Indonesia's political crisis would be resolved, most analysts had said: "Watch the military."

Although university students were the visible voice of protest in the streets, Suharto never would have relinquished the reins of power without behind-the-scenes pressure from the country's military commanders, according to some observers.

Suharto appeared stunned after delivering his resignation speech. While he shook hands with his successor and supreme court justices, he never acknowledged the officers at his side.

He believed their loyalty was assured. He has fostered their careers and appointed them to their top posts.

The military, however, has interests of its own.

For one, the armed forces are still respected by most Indonesians as a foundation of national stability in an ethnically diverse archipelago of 202 million people.

Although its critics say it has created a climate of fear and repression to stifle political dissent, blind loyalty to Suharto in the face of a mass uprising would have jeopardized its own popular support.

The military is also deeply involved in business.

More than half the defense budget is raised from its own empire of companies that include hotels, timber, real estate, banks, airlines and insurance.

But with the economy in shambles because of corruption and mismanagement by Suharto, his family and his cronies, the military's business empire has also suffered.

With Suharto's resignation, many analysts are concerned about whether Indonesian politics and the economy can regain stability. If Suharto's successor, Bacharuddin Jusuf Habibie, lacks the backing of the armed forces, that stability will be pushed further out of reach.

## Dissidents expect few changes from Jakarta

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — While many Indonesians cheered the resignation of President Suharto today, some of those hardest hit by political repression during the past three decades weren't rejoicing.

Dissidents, human rights activists and East Timorese separatists contacted after the swearing-in of new President Bacharuddin Jusuf Habibie feared little would change.

Suharto has been criticized for supervising a government that has cracked down hard on political dissidents since he took power in 1966.

Harold Moucho, an East Timorese living in exile in neighboring Australia, doubted the change of Indonesia's leadership would improve human rights in the former Portuguese territory invaded by Suharto's troops in 1975.

"For the people of East Timor this will not make any difference whatsoever," he said.

The coordinator of the Australia-East Timor Association, Andrew McNaughton, said Habibie would maintain Suharto's hard-line policies.

"Habibie is the trusted ally and lieutenant of Suharto," McNaughton said. "In effect, Habibie is continuing the Suharto presidency."